

The Office of the Governor **Proclamation**

Executive Department State of Idaho State Capitol Boise

WHEREAS, environmental education will increase dramatically by creating a full week of educational preparation in K-12 classrooms, university campuses and informal settings such as nature centers, zoos, aquariums and museums; and

WHEREAS, collaborative efforts will increase the amount of environmental education taking place in America's classrooms prior to Earth Day while drawing educator attention to the larger opportunities and value of environmental education and stewardship; and

WHEREAS, environmental education bolsters core environmental literacy in our K-12 students by featuring actual grade-appropriate "e-literacy" goals and content standards; and

WHEREAS, environmental education will encourage schools to partner with local museums, nature centers, zoos, science centers, aquariums and local parks; and

WHEREAS, the professional environmental education community will have an opportunity to annually feature its accomplishments with the nation's educational leaders; and

WHEREAS, National Environmental Education Week, coordinated by the National Environmental Education Foundation in cooperation with hundreds of outstanding environmental education organizations, education associations and agencies, will become an annually anticipated event for local participation in schools and various education centers in Idaho;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, C.L. "BUTCH" OTTER, Governor of the State of Idaho, do hereby proclaim April 15 through 22, 2007, to be

NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION WEEK

in Idaho.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Idaho at the Capitol in Boise on this 16th day of April in the year of our Lord two-thousand and seven and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred thirty-first and of the Statehood of Idaho the one hundred seventeenth.

C.L. "BUTCH" OTTER GOVERNOR

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